

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 5 1. A method comprising:
- (a) breaking at least one first frangible portion bounding a first track in which
 a plurality of first cover projections on a generally flexible cover move to
 enable the cover to open and close an opening to an interior storage area of
 a deposit holding container adapted to hold deposits made to an automated
10 banking machine;
- (b) moving the first cover projections out of the first track through a first
 opening in the first track created by breaking the first frangible portion
 broken in (a);
2. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising:
- 15 (c) breaking at least one second frangible portion bounding a second track in
 which a plurality of second cover projections on the flexible cover move to
 enable the cover to open and close the container opening;

- (d) moving the second cover projections out of the second track through a second track opening created by breaking the second frangible portion broken in (c).

3. The method according to claim 2 and further comprising:

- 5 (b) disengaging the cover from the first and second tracks, whereby the cover is separable from the container.

4. The method according to claim 3 wherein the first and second frangible portions are positioned on a side of the first and second tracks generally opposed of the container opening, and wherein in (b) and (d) the cover is generally moved away from the container opening.

- 10 5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the first track includes a first recess on a side of the track generally opposed of the first frangible portion, and prior to (b) further comprising:

deforming the first frangible portion to extend in the recess to enlarge the first track opening.

- 15 6. The method according to claim 4 and further comprising:

(f) subsequent to (e) removing the cover through the container opening.

7. The method according to claim 6 and subsequent to (f) further comprising:

(g) extending a replacement cover through the container opening;

(h) moving first and second projections on the replacement cover into the first and second tracks respectively, through the first and second track openings corresponding to the respective broken first and second frangible portions.

8. The method according to claim 7 and subsequent to (h) further comprising:

(i) moving the replacement cover to close the container opening.

9. The method according to claim 8 and further comprising:

(j) holding the replacement cover in the closed position through operation of a lock on the container.

10. The method according to claim 8 and subsequent to (i) further comprising:

- (j) moving a lock in supporting connection with the container to set a trigger member, wherein in the set position of the trigger member the replacement cover is enabled to move to open and close the container opening;
- (k) installing the deposit holding container in an automated banking machine, wherein the replacement cover of the deposit holding container is opened and the container is enabled to receive deposits in the interior storage area of the container.

11. The method according to claim 10 wherein (k) comprises engaging outward extending lip portions on the container with inward extending projections on the banking machine.

12. The method according to claim 11 wherein (k) comprises engaging a cover recess and an upward extending edge portion on the replacement cover with an engaging lever in the banking machine and moving the container relative to the engaging lever wherein the cover is opened.

13. The method according to claim 12 and during at least a portion of (k) further comprising:

- (l) engaging the trigger member with a pin in the automated banking machine, wherein the trigger member moves such that when the replacement cover is next closed it is held closed through operation of the lock.

5 14. The method according to claim 13 and subsequent to (l) further comprising:

- (m) operating the automated banking machine to receive deposits, wherein the deposits are positioned in the interior storage area of the container.

15. The method according to claim 14 and further comprising:

operating the automated banking machine to dispense cash.

10 16. The method according to claim 15 and subsequent to (m), further comprising:

- (n) closing the replacement cover to close the container opening.

17. The method according to claim 16 wherein (n) includes moving the replacement cover to the closed position by engagement with the engaging lever as the container is removed from the machine.

18. The method according to claim 17 and subsequent to moving the replacement cover to the closed position in (n), further comprising:

- (o) holding the replacement cover in the closed position through operation of the lock.

5 19. The method according to claim 18 wherein (o) includes holding the cover closed through engagement of a latch projection on the cover.

20. The method according to claim 19 and prior to (a) further comprising:

opening the lock to enable moving the cover to open the container opening, and opening the cover to access the first and second frangible portions.

10 21. The method according to claim 19 and prior to (a) further comprising:

- (p) engaging a cover piece and a housing to form the first and second tracks.

22. The method according to claim 20 wherein during (p) the first and second cover projections are positioned in the respective first and second tracks.

23. The method according to claim 22 and prior to (a) further comprising:

engaging the housing and the body of the container.

24. The method according to claim 23 wherein in (a) the cover comprises a flexible tambour door.

5 25. The method according to claim 24 wherein in (g) the replacement cover comprises a flexible tambour door.

26. The method according to claim 25 wherein in (k) when the replacement cover is opened the tambour door moves into the interior storage area of the container.

10 27. The method according to claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a tambour door having a plurality of first projections extending generally transverse of the door adjacent the first transverse side of the door, wherein in (b) the plurality of first projections extended on the first transverse side of the door are removed from the first track.

28. The method according to claim 15 and further comprising:

dispensing an empty envelope from the automated banking machine, wherein in
(f) the deposits received include the envelopes previously dispensed from the
machine with material included therein by a user of the machine.

29. A method comprising:

- 5 (a) moving at least one first movable portion bounding a first track in which a
plurality of first cover projections on a generally flexible cover move to
enable the cover to open and close an opening to an interior storage area of
a deposit holding container adapted to hold deposits made to an automated
banking machine; and
- 10 (b) moving the first cover projections out of the first track through a first track
opening enlarged by moving the first movable portion in (a).

30. The method according to claim 29 where the first track includes a first recess in the first
track generally opposed of the first movable portion, and wherein (a) further includes:

- 15 deforming the first movable portion to extend in the first recess to enlarge the first track
opening.

31. The method according to claim 29 and prior to (a), further comprising:

breaking a first frangible portion bounding the first track, wherein the first movable portion is rendered movable.

32. The method according to claim 29 and further comprising:

5 (c) moving the at least one second movable portion bounding a second track in which a plurality of second cover projections on the flexible cover move to enable the cover to open and close the container opening; and

(d) moving the second cover projections out of the second track through a second track opening enlarged by moving the second movable opening in (c).

10 33. The method according to claim 32 wherein the second track portion includes a second recess in the second track generally opposed of the second movable portion, and wherein (c) further includes:

15 deforming the second movable portion to extend in the second recess to enlarge the second track opening.

34. The method according to claim 32 and prior to (c), further comprising:

breaking a second frangible portion bounding the second track, wherein the second movable portion is rendered movable.